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TAGS: ITU, ETEL, PU, PFOR, AORG, POL

SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP IN ITU

REF: STATE 27792

1. USG HAS DECIDED TO CAST NEGATIVE BALLOTS ON BEHALF US AND US TERRITORIES ON ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU TO ITU.

2. IN VIEW US OPPOSITION TO G-B MEMBERSHIP IN FAO AND STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT MADE BY US REPRESENTATIVE AT ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER 1973, RECORD OF AND RATIONALE FOR US OPPOSITION TO G-B MEMBERSHIP IN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IS WELL-KNOWN.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS, BOTH "YES" VOTE AND ABSTENTION BALLOT OUT OF QUESTION. BOTH BECAUSE WE BELIEVE G-B DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATEHOOD (ARTICLE I PARA 2 (C) AND BECAUSE DANGER THAT NON-RETURN OF BALLOT (WHICH PERMITTED UNDER ITU CONVENTION AND COUNTS AS ABSTENTION), COULD BE MISCONSTRUED AS WEAKENING OF US OPPOSITION ON G-B MEMBERSHIP ISSUE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT FORTHRIGHT "NO" VOTE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN ITU CONTEXT.

4. FOR GENEVA. MISSION REQUESTED TO FORMALLY NOTIFY ITU THAT US AND US TERRITORIES VOTE "NO" ON ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU TO MEMBERSHIP IN ITU.

MISSION MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, ADVISE REPS OF EEC MISSIONS OF US ACTION.

5. INFO ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES MAY ADVISE HOST GOVERNMENTS OF FOREGOING US POSITION AND ACTION AT THEIR DISCRETION.  
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